Citizenship to individuals in Kerala with Pakistani citizenship

617. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation is received recently by competent authority for solving issues related to the citizenship of individuals having Pakistani citizenship and settled at Malappuram district of Kerala alongwith their family during early period of free India;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) whether competent authority will consider this issue in consultation with Government of Kerala;

(d) whether any inquiry is initiated during the year 2003 by District Collector of Malappuram on denial of ration card to the family members of above individuals, who are citizen of India by birth; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Applications for grant of citizenship from such persons, as and when received through the State Government of Kerala would be considered by the Central Government in accordance with the provisions of the citizenship Act, 1955, and the Citizenship Rules, 1956.

(d) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Crime against women in Delhi

818. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crime against women in Delhi remained high in the year 2002 in comparison to the year 2001;

(b) if so, what are the respective figures for such crime for the last two years; and

(c) what strenuous efforts are being made to check the crime against women in the capital?